184, 186 – 190, and 192 – 193, which are part of publisher 102, are "functional modules." The Office Action further states that "the publisher 102 receives the request from user 182 and returns information concerning the compilation of content."

It is respectfully submitted that Fig. 2 of Ferrel does not show, or even suggest, that the designer software modules 184, 186 - 190, and 192 - 193 receive a request, either directly or indirectly, from user 182 or the customer workstation. Rather, Ferrel discloses that the customer workstation interacts with the network 122 to receive publications that have been released by a publisher. The network 122, shown in Fig. 2, includes a host data center 242 that is shown in Fig. 3. Note that Fig. 3 shows that network 122 includes the host data center 242 which stores titles released by various publishers.

Ferrel describes the interactions between publishers and customers with respect to Fig. 5, at cols. 18 – 19. Fig. 5 illustrates a process whereby publishers, working on workstation 180 create a publication using designer software 194 that includes the software modules asserted in the Office Action to correspond with the claimed function modules. See col. 11, lines 49 - 53. Referring to Fig. 5, a publisher creates a project that includes layout objects and content objects, in steps 324 through 330, and then releases those projects by storing them on the host data center 242, in step 332. Ferrel specifically discloses, at col. 11, lines 55 – 58, that "title layout and content are stored in a network 122 that include a server for hosting on-line applications." Those servers are shown as part of the host data center shown in Fig. 3. Once the titles are published to the host data center, the customer workstation interacts with the network 122 to access those released titles stored in the host data center 242, and not with the publisher or the designer software modules. Fig. 5 illustrates this in step 334 in which a customer uses a viewer 202 that is part of a customer workstation shown in Fig. 2, to read and page through the released titles.

It is respectfully submitted that Ferrel does not disclose, or even suggest, the software components of the designer 194 receiving requests, either directly or indirectly, from the user interface of the customer workstation, as asserted in the final Office Action. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Ferrel does not anticipate claim 1.
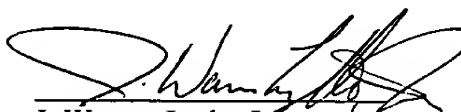
Independent claims 6 and 11 also require that the plurality of function modules receives requests from the user interface. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that those claims too are not anticipated by Ferrel for at least the same reasons.

The remaining claims contain by reference all the limitations of one of claims 1, 6 and 11, and hence, are not anticipated for at least the same reasons.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to find the application in condition for allowance. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned to resolve any issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 05-0460.

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